

## **Proposal from the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)**

### **Elements of Decision X/CP.20 in Furtherance of para. 5 of Decision 1/CP.19**

#### **To add to preambular paragraphs of Co-Chairs' Draft Decision of 7 July 2014:**

*Recognizes* that the technical expert meetings have been instrumental in bringing together experts from Parties with experts from relevant international organizations, civil society, the private sector, subnational authorities, including cities, cooperative initiatives and bodies established under the Convention in identifying good practice policy options and contributing to new and enhanced action to be taken at all levels of government and by stakeholders in the areas of, *inter alia*, renewable energy, energy efficiency, urban environment, land use carbon capture, use and storage, and non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gas emissions where emissions could be reduced in a manner that is both cost-effective and supports sustainable development;

#### **To replace paras. 10-21:**

1. *Decides* that the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition pursuant to Decision 1/CP.17, paras. 7-8 to ensure the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties, will continue until an emission pathway consistent with limiting the global average temperature increase to below 1.5 °C above preindustrial levels is achieved;
2. *Decides* to further strengthen and accelerate activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition by continuing to:
  - a) Undertake technical examination of opportunities for actions with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits;
  - b) Identify for each thematic area the range of policy options, including practices and technologies, that are substantial, scalable and replicable;
  - c) Identify the barriers to implementation in both developed and developing countries, and strategies to overcome them, including through finance, technology and capacity-building support for mitigation action in developing country Parties; and
  - d) Identify opportunities for voluntary multilateral cooperation on concrete actions in relation to identified mitigation opportunities.

### *Technical Expert Meetings*

3. *Decides* to continue technical expert meetings for the duration of the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition;
4. *Requests* the secretariat, subject to the availability of financial resources, and in cooperation with the Convention bodies and relevant international organizations, to organize technical expert meetings to be held during all UNFCCC sessions, regional and sub-regional follow-up meetings, in a manner that:
  - a) Supports Parties in the identification of suitable policy options and planning for their implementation;
  - b) Enhances collaboration and synergies between the bodies established under the Convention;
  - c) Provides meaningful and regular opportunities for effective engagement among experts from Parties with experts from relevant international organizations, civil society, the private sector, subnational authorities, including cities, cooperative initiatives and bodies established under the Convention;
  - d) Assesses mitigation benefits, co-benefits, including adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits, costs and other barriers to the implementation of policy options; and
  - e) Focuses on removing barriers to and supporting the implementation of policy options in both developed and developing countries and strategies to overcome them, including through finance, technology and capacity-building support for mitigation action in developing country Parties.
5. *Decides* that the TEMs should be iterative, building on earlier TEMs to focus on actionable policy options;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide at least 3 months advance notice to Parties regarding the specific topics to be addressed in the upcoming technical expert meetings, as well as the agenda, facilitators, and any framing questions or background papers;
7. *Invites* Annex 2 parties to provide additional support to enable technical experts from eligible Parties to participate in TEMs;
8. *Encourages* all Parties to consider the good practice policy options identified during the technical expert meetings and elaborated in the technical paper in

planning and strengthening their further mitigation action in a way that best suits their national circumstances;

#### *Outputs of the Technical Expert Meetings*

9. *Also requests* the secretariat to:
  - a) Regularly update the technical paper on mitigation benefits of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition, after each technical expert meeting, drawing on information provided in submissions from Parties and observer organizations and the discussions in the technical expert meetings, including specific policy options, practices, and technologies, including their mitigation benefits, co-benefits, costs, other barriers to implementation, and strategies for overcoming these barriers;
  - b) Make available a user-friendly and dynamic web-based menu of policy options, designed to assist countries in enhancing their mitigation actions, and which should include:
    - i. Technical information drawn from Technical Papers, TEMs, submissions, and relevant information from expert organizations;
    - ii. Case studies on the implementation of policy options that are substantial, scalable and replicable, by private actors and the public sector at the national, subnational and local level, including through multilateral cooperation; and
    - iii. Information on available sources of financial, technology, capacity building and other support for implementation.
  - c) Prepare a summary for policymakers of the elements referred to in this paragraph in advance of every meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Submissions*

10. *Invites* subnational authorities, including cities, international organizations, civil society, private sector entities, and cooperative initiatives to further scale up their mitigation actions to assist Parties to achieve an emission pathway consistent with limiting the global average temperature increase to below 1.5 °C above preindustrial levels and to communicate, through the call for submissions in para. 12 and engagement in the TEMs information on these actions;

11. *Invite* submissions from Parties and Observers on an ongoing basis regarding opportunities in developed and developing countries for actions with high mitigation potential, including, *inter alia*, the information specified in paras. 4d and e;
12. *Encourage* Parties and expert organizations hosting non-UNFCCC events, including regional events, to submit relevant information from their outcome that furthers the technical examination of mitigation opportunities;

#### *High Level Mitigation Action Ministerials*

13. *Decides* to convene annual high-level ministerial action meetings at the COP informed by, *inter alia*, the summary for policy makers and the updated technical papers, focused on strengthening existing multilateral initiatives to enhance mitigation action, and launching new multilateral initiatives, where appropriate;
14. *Invites* high-level representatives from private sector and civil society involved in the initiatives referred to in para. 14 to participate in the annual high-level meetings;

#### *Guidance to Convention Bodies and UN Specialized Agencies*

15. *Invites* the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the Technology Executive Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the Standing Committee on Finance, the Forum on Capacity Building, and UN specialized agencies to:
  - a) Enhance their efforts to support Parties, in accordance with their respective functions and mandates, to scale up mitigation action through the implementation of the policy;
  - b) Engage effectively in the TEMs in order to enhance the effective coordination and provision of support; and
  - c) Consider the technical papers and menu of policy options in their work as appropriate.
16. *Request* the secretariat and Convention bodies to liaise with Parties and other relevant stakeholders with a view to facilitating the implementation of policy options.
17. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation:
  - a) To monitor the progress of the implementation of action towards a level sufficient to achieve an emission pathway consistent with

limiting the global average temperature increase to below 1.5 °C above preindustrial levels; and

b) To seek additional technical inputs from the SBSTA, as required.

18. *Emphasizes* that the effective implementation of the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition requires, inter alia, increased coordination in the provision of support by bodies established under the Convention and enhanced sharing of information among Parties in a manner that builds trust and facilitates the sharing of experiences and best practice in implementation;

*Financial Implications*

19. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision.

20. *Invites* Annex 2 Parties to provide sufficient resources to the secretariat to ensure it is able to fulfill its responsibilities referred to in this decision.